

CONGRESSMAN DOUG LAMBORN ONLINE COMMENTARY ON STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS 2012

Congressman Doug Lamborn (CO-05) posted the following online entries as part of an online chat forum hosted by Heritage Action during the State of the Union Address.

I declined to attend the SOTU in order to send a clear message that I do not support the policies of President Obama, but respect him and the office. These include his recent “recess appointments” to the NLRB and newly-created Consumer Protection Board, the rejection of the Keystone, draconian cuts to defense, and deficit spending.

Whenever the left wants to raise taxes the claim is that it will go for deficit reduction. The funny thing is they always use your hard earned tax dollars to continue their reckless spending. Do you trust this administration will be good stewards of your money? I doubt many Americans would answer that question with a yes.

Instead of continuing to divide the country with issues of fairness I wish the President would actually lead and be honest with the American people about our debt issues. No tax rate on the rich can possibly pay for the current obligations of our entitlements. He has never had a serious plan to address that.

The President should look no further than to his own health care law as to why the economy continues to stall. James Sherk at The Heritage Foundation did an interesting study that showed in the 14 months before Obamacare was past the economy was creating around 67,000 jobs per month.

In the 14 months following the passage of Obamacare the economy only produced 6,500 jobs per month. This is consistent with what I hear from job creators in my district. It has to be repealed.

The President is strangely silent on the Keystone pipeline. This would directly create 20,000 jobs immediately and 100,000 jobs in directly. The irony is this will not help the environment because the oil will still be used by China and will have to be shipped across the Pacific.

Is it fair to ask any American, rich or poor, to give up their hard earned money so you can waste it on things like Solyranda? And that is just one example of the rampant waste of taxpayer dollars.

The cuts and defense announced a couple of weeks ago will make our military less capable. The President can only seem to cut defense. He is silent about two-thirds of the budget that consists of entitlements.

The President's vision for defense will leave our military completely hollow. The world is still a dangerous place and we still face threats as a nation. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee I am deeply concerned about the cuts to defense the President has advocated for. I, along with my colleagues on the committee, will be fighting to reverse these dangerous cuts.

The President is strangely silent about the last three years. He is not running on his record, he's running from his record. We have the longest stretch of high unemployment since the Great Depression. I hope we can reverse the policies of President Obama.